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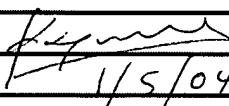
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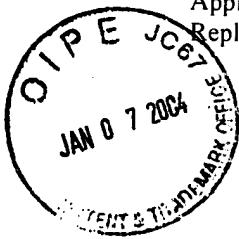
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the Examiner's office action of December 23, 2003 Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the requirement for restriction:

Response to Requirement for Restriction begins on page 2 of this paper.



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed invention group for prosecution on the merits, Applicant elects Group IA, drawn to a method of processing a substrate, classified in class 134, subclass 1+, including claims 2-5, 8-19, 37-44, and 46-63 and requests the election to be entered with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected Group IB, and Group IC, drawn to a method for removing contaminant particles, classified in class 134, subclass 1+, and including claims 29-32 and 65-71, respectively, in future divisional applications.

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